



SUMMER CONFERENCE

Research in Academic Communities

in the

Lifelong Learning Sector

Date	Monday 6 th July 2009, 09.30 – 15.30
Venue	Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX
Cost	£50/delegate

Introduction to LSRN

The Learning and Skills Research Network (LSRN) began as the Further Education Research Network in 1997 and was supported by the Learning and Skills Development Agency (LSDA). The LSRN entered a new phase in April 2006 in which it works with various partner organisations. It is based in the regions of England and Northern Ireland, with links to partners in Scotland and Wales. It brings together people involved in producing and making use of research in the lifelong learning sector and in higher education and provides a welcome to those new to research.

The LSRN's members are drawn from further education (FE) and sixth form colleges, universities, local Learning and Skills Councils, work-based training providers, local authorities, adult education centres, voluntary agencies, awarding bodies, and careers advisory services.

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The conference will bring together researchers from HE and FE and give participants the opportunity to debate, share ideas and make contacts.

The conference will be of interest to academic communities throughout the LLs. The event will feature four keynote speakers and interactive sessions that allow participants to engage with aspects of research concerning:

- *Higher Education in Further Education (HE in FE)*
- *Work-Based Learning (WBL) Assessment*
- *The 14 – 19 Reforms / Agenda*
- *Progression into and through HE*

As well as these sessions, there will be plenty of opportunities to network with colleagues working in similar environments or tackling similar challenges.

The aim is to enable attendees to meet and debate with colleagues including:

- College and HE lecturers / researchers
- Staff from institutions from across the Lifelong Learning (LLs) sector

The four keynote speakers are:

- **Judith Foreman**, Director of Higher Education, Wakefield College;
- **Mantz Yorke**, Visiting Professor, Lancaster University;
- **Liz Watson**, 14-19 Advisor Yorkshire and Humber, Department for Children, Schools & Families;
- **Jenny Shaw**, Director, Yorkshire & Humber East Lifelong Learning Network.

The participants should expect some challenging presentations which may raise more questions than answers!

In addition, there will workshop presenters from a range of institutions who will be discussing their research (see workshop booking for further details).

Venue:

Hinsley Hall is located in the Headingley area of Leeds and is owned by the Diocese of Leeds. This magnificent 19th century Hall is set in four acres of tranquil grounds with ample and secure parking and is just a mile and half from Leeds city centre.

Location and Public Transport: <http://www.hinsley-hall.co.uk/location.htm>

Car Parking: There is ample and secure car parking at Hinsley Hall.

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Programme

09.30 – 10.00 Registration & Coffee

10.00 – 10.15	Introductions	Roy Fisher, University of Huddersfield and Helen Kenwright, York College; Co-convenors of the Yorkshire & Humber LSRN network
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10.15 – 10.45	HE in FE	Judith Foreman, Director of Higher Education, Wakefield College
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10.45 – 11.15	Work-based Learning: the challenges for assessors	Mantz Yorke, Visiting Professor, Lancaster University
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11.15 – 11.35 Coffee

11.35 – 12.30	Morning Workshops	An opportunity to discuss the morning presentations and plan ways forward.
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12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.15	Afternoon Workshops	Presentations from regional researchers giving an overview of their work to date
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14.15 – 14.30 Coffee

14.30 – 15.00	14-19 Reforms	Liz Watson, Regional Advisor, DCSF
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15.00 – 15.30	Progression into and through HE	Jenny Shaw, Director, YHE LLN
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15.30 Close

This programme is correct at the time of going to press. The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the published programme in the event of one or more of the advertised speakers being unable to attend. Delegates have no claim against Y&H LSRN in respect of such changes.

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Workshops

Please choose from the following choice of workshops. We will make best efforts to ensure you may attend the workshop of your choice.

Morning Workshops

	TITLE	FACILITATORS	CONTENT	PREFERRED WORKSHOP
A	HE in FE	Helen Kenwright	Follow-up discussions from the presentation	
B	WBL	Roy Fisher Mantz Yorke	Follow-up discussions from the presentation	

Afternoon Workshops

	TITLE	RESEARCHERS	CONTENT	PREFERRED WORKSHOP
A	1. Drop Outs in the Workplace	Helen Kenwright York College	A quick round-up of drop out from the students' point of view & what it means for work-based learning	
	2. Developing Research Cultures for HE in FE	Andrew Wilson Hull College	How may a research culture be pragmatically embedded into a FEC that offers HE: an attempt to address the problems, pitfalls & benefits for staff, students & institutions.	
B	1. Offender Learning in the Community	Judith Gresty York College	Outcomes from projects producing a sustainable curriculum framework which supported offenders to gain vocational qualifications, improve employability & reduce re-offending.	
	2. Developing Research Informed Teaching in Further Education Colleges	Venetia Giannakouli Leeds Metropolitan University	Research looking at the extent & nature of research & scholarly activity in FECs. How might scholarly activities influence teaching & learning on HE programmes in FECs?	

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Booking Form:

To book your place, please return this form by **Friday 12th June 2009** to:
Mary Hopper, 2F036, York College, Sim Balk Lane, York. YO23 2BB or email:
mhopper@yorkcollege.ac.uk. Telephone: 01904 770247

Name:	
Position:	
Department:	
Organisation:	
Contact Address:	
Post Code:	
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Registration closes on **Friday 12th June** and joining instructions will be sent out to all delegates following this. Cheques should be made payable to: York College

Please inform us of any special requirements:

- Dietary requirements
 - Mobility or other support needs
- We will make all possible adjustments so that you may enjoy this event.

Please Note: Submission of this form will constitute a legally binding agreement.

Please note that **cancellations**, made after **5pm on Thursday 11th June 2009** will be charged a fee of £50 (to cover the daily delegate rate).

Substitutions are welcome at any time

Please **tick** the box to confirm that you have read this statement []

Signature: I understand that the data on this form may be stored in electronic form in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act

Signature: _____ Date: _____